कंपनी से रेल इंजन खरीदने का निषेध किया है; यदि हां, तो रेल मंत्रालय को इस आशय के आदेश कब जारी किये गये;

(ख) क्या उपर्युक्त समिति ने इस खरीद का निषेध करने के कोई कारण/आधार बताए हैं; यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) क्या सरकार समिति द्वारा निषेध करने के बावजूद ए०बी०बी० से ही रेल इंजन खरीदेगी?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन): (क) जी नहीं,

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ग) अंतिम निर्णय पर रेल मंत्रालय द्वारा विचार किया जा रहा है।

Women bus conductors in DTC

420. SHRI ASHIS SEN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of women bus conductors recruited by the Delhi Transport Corporation during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) how many of the above are still on conductor duty; and

(c) what extra facilities they are enjoying?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The number of women bus conductors recruited by DTC during the last three years is given as under:—

1989	—	21
1990	—	11
1991	—	—
TOTAL:		32

(b) All of them are still on conductor duty except two who have resigned from the service of D.T.C.

(c) They are not enjoying any extra facilities and they are performing their duty in the normal hours.

Women bus conductors in DTC

421. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of women conductors on Delhi Transport Corporation buses in 1975 and in 1991 respectively;

(b) whether there is any decline in their number; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER):

(a) 1975	—	Nil
1991	—	35

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

Modernisation and Diversification of Ports in Eastern Region

422. SHRI ASHIS SEN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is under Government's consideration for modernisation and diversification of ports in the Eastern region;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the funds allocated for the purpose during the Eighth Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. A provision of Rs. 1873.33 crores has been made tentatively in 8th Plan 1992-97 and Rs. 298.04 crores in Annual Plan 1992-93 for development projects aiming at modernisation and diversification of major ports at Calcutta, Paradip, Vizag and Madras as per the details given below:—